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SUBJECT:SOUTH LEBANON: PROPOSED TEXT OF LETTER FROM
SECRETARY TO BOUTROS
JERUSALEM FOR SAUNDERS
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1. WE HAVE NO PROBLEM WITH GENERAL LINES OF THE PROPOSED
MESSAGE REFTTEL. GIVEN LEBANESE SENSITIVITIES, HOWEVER, WE
BELIEVE IT MIGHT BE PREFERABLE TO ELIMINATE SPECIFIC
REFERENCES TO ISRAEL WHENEVER THEY ARE NOT ABSOLUTELY
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NECESSARY, AND TO ELIMINATE OR REWORK PASSAGES WHICH
EXPLICITLY SUGGEST THAT ISRAEL WILL BE A PARTY.

2. FOR EXAMPLE, THE PHRASE "TO BOTH LEBANON AND ISRAEL"
AT THE END OF THE FIRST SENTENCE OF NUMBERED PARAGRAPH TWO
COULD BE ELIMINATED. THE PHRASE "BETWEEN THE PARTIES
CONCERNED" COULD BE ELIMINATED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (C).

SUBPARAGRAPH (B) MIGHT BE PHRASED SOMEWHAT LIKE "THE ROUTE TO BE FOLLOWED WILL BE DECIDED IN CONSULTATIONS UNDER THE AUSPICES OF UNIFIL."

3. THE ENTIRE THIRD PARAGRAPH BEGINNING WITH "MR. BEGIN HAS INFORMED ME..." COULD BE ELIMINATED, ALTHOUGH WE MUST DEFER TO AMBASSADOR PARKER'S SENSE OF WHAT CAN BE DONE.

ONE ALTERNATIVE WHICH HAS OCCURRED TO US IS THAT THE INITIAL SENTENCES MIGHT BE AS FOLLOWS: "MR. BEGIN HAS INFORMED ME THAT THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT FEELS IT HAS AN OBLIGATION TO THE INHABITANTS OF THE AREA AND TO MAJOR HADDAD IN PARTICULAR TO SEE TO IT THAT THEIR SENSE OF SECURITY IS MAINTAINED. I AM SURE THAT THE LEBANESE GOVERNMENT ALSO WANTS THE PEOPLE OF THE AREA TO ENJOY A SENSE OF SECURITY AND CONFIDENCE IN THE MISSION OF THE LEBANESE ARMY. I BELIEVE THAT THE ISRAELI SENSE OF OBLIGATION IS GENUINE. THE PROBLEM IS HOW TO..." CHRISTOPHER

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